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Double Patenting
Rejections

Basis

Statutory

35USC 101

Non-statutory

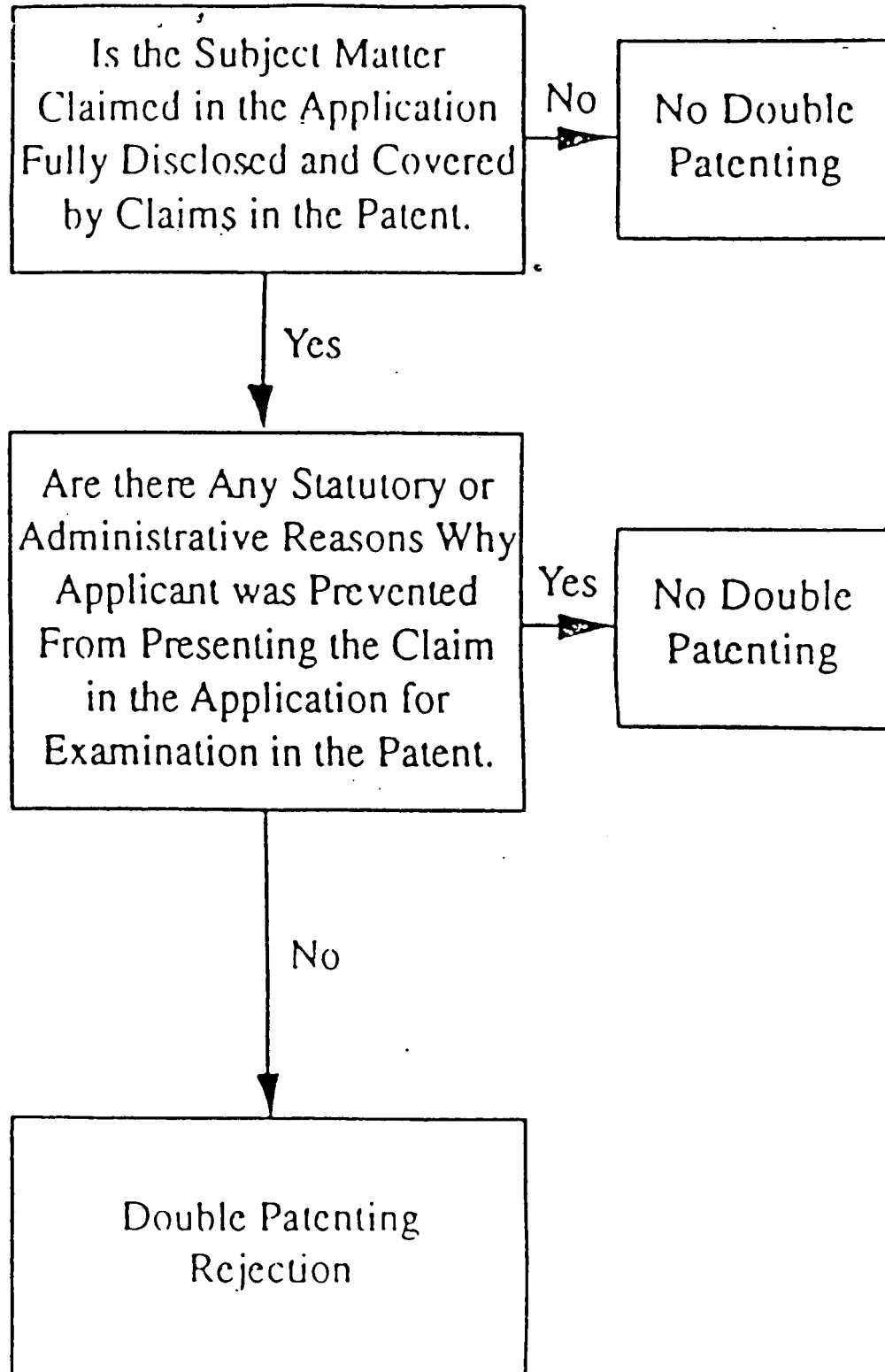
Courts

1. Obviousness

2. Non-obviousness

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

2. Non-Obviousness Type

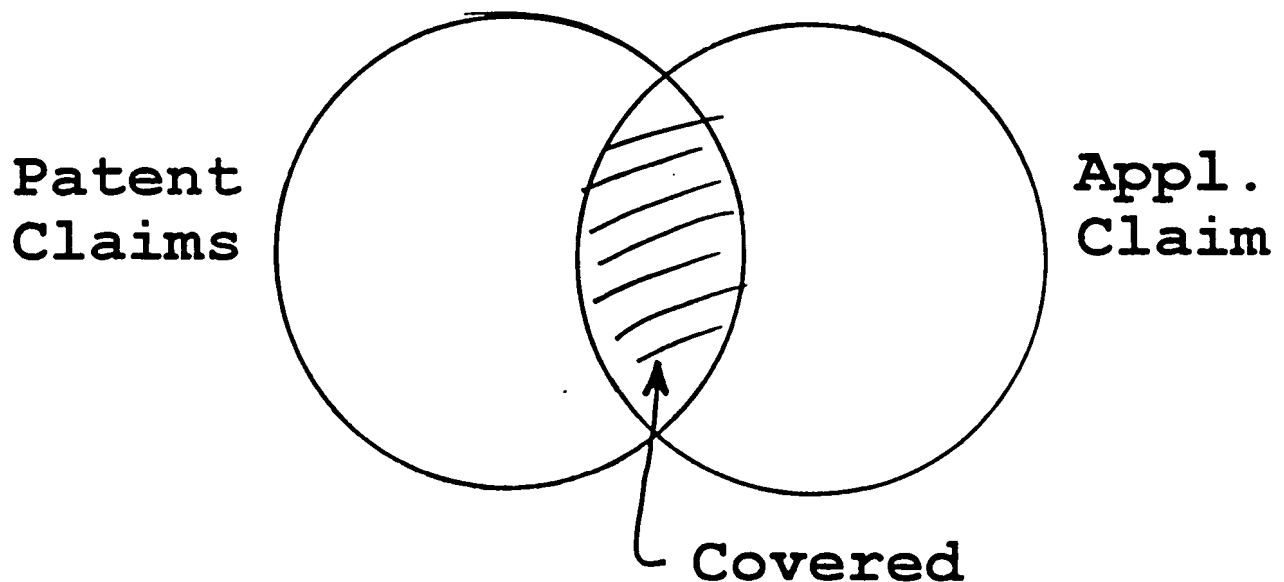


Non-Obviousness Analysis

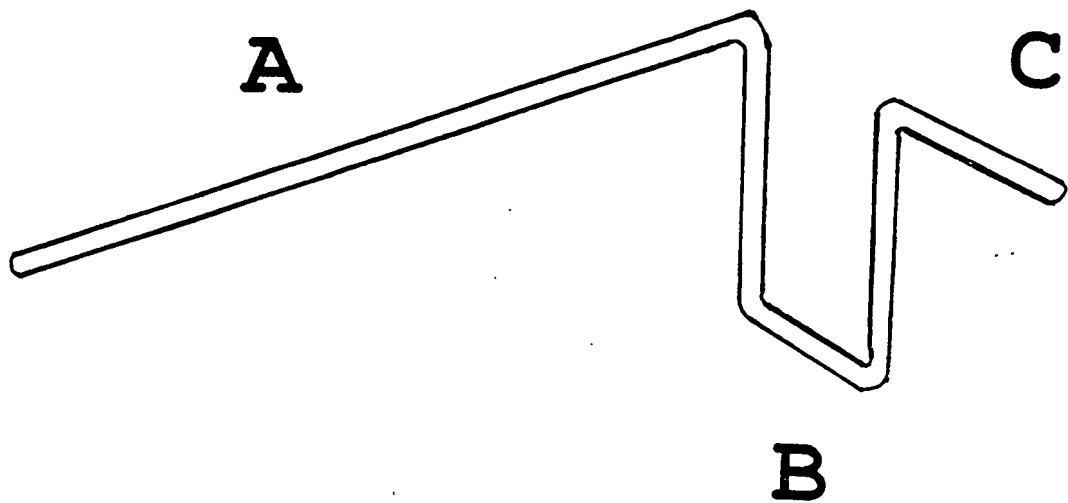
Is the Application Claim:

A. Fully Disclosed
in the Patent ?

B. Covered by Claims
in the Patent ?

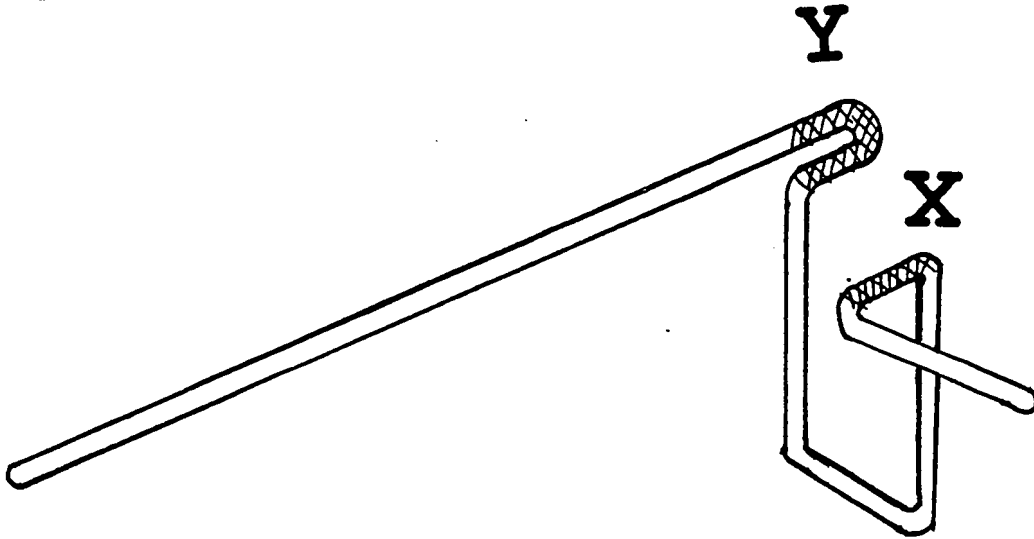


Conventional ABC Clip



In re Schneller

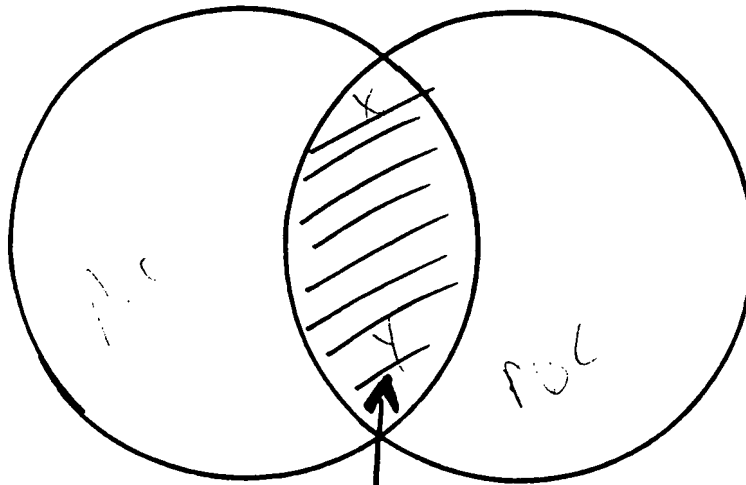
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Patent
Claims
ABCX

Appl.
Claim
ABCY
"Comprising
Elements
A, B, C, Y"

Patent
Claims
ABC**X**



Appl.
Claim
ABC**Y**

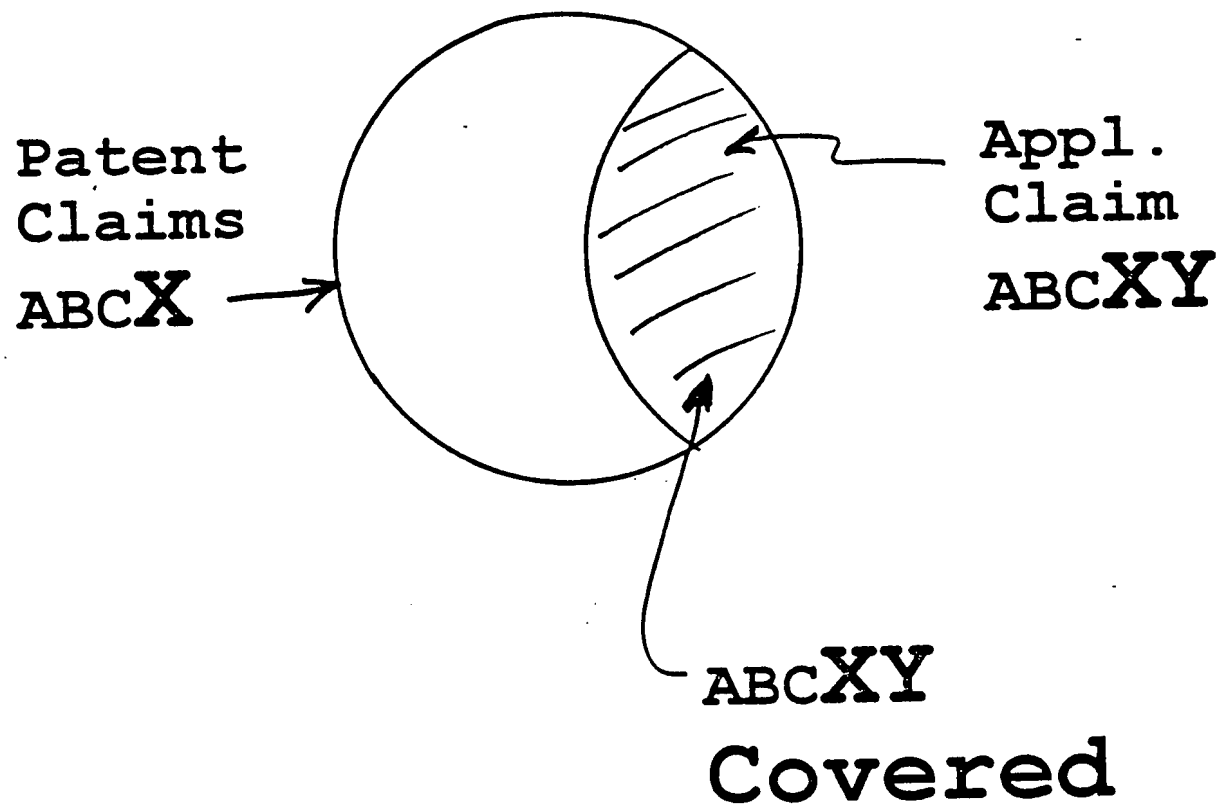
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In re Schneller 158 USPQ 215:

"The controlling fact is that patent protection for the clips, fully disclosed and claimed by the claims of the patent, would be extended by the allowance of the appealed claims."

Narrowed Claim Example



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Claims

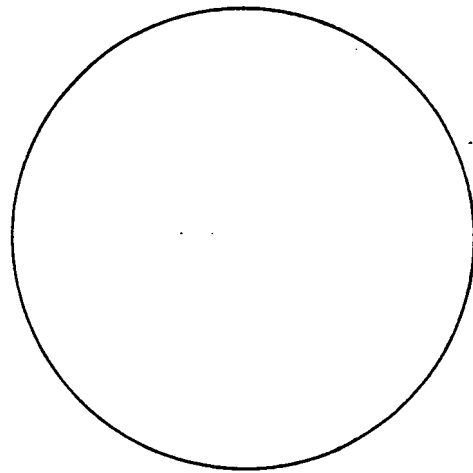
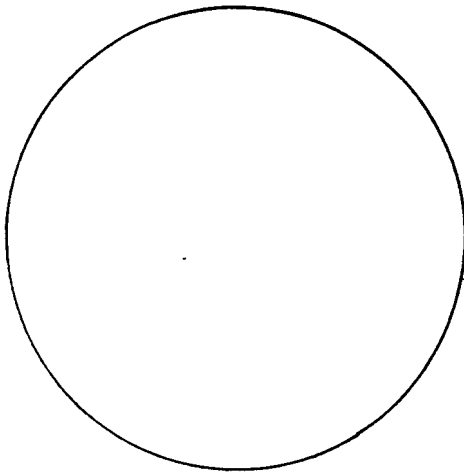
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"Consisting
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Appl.
Claim

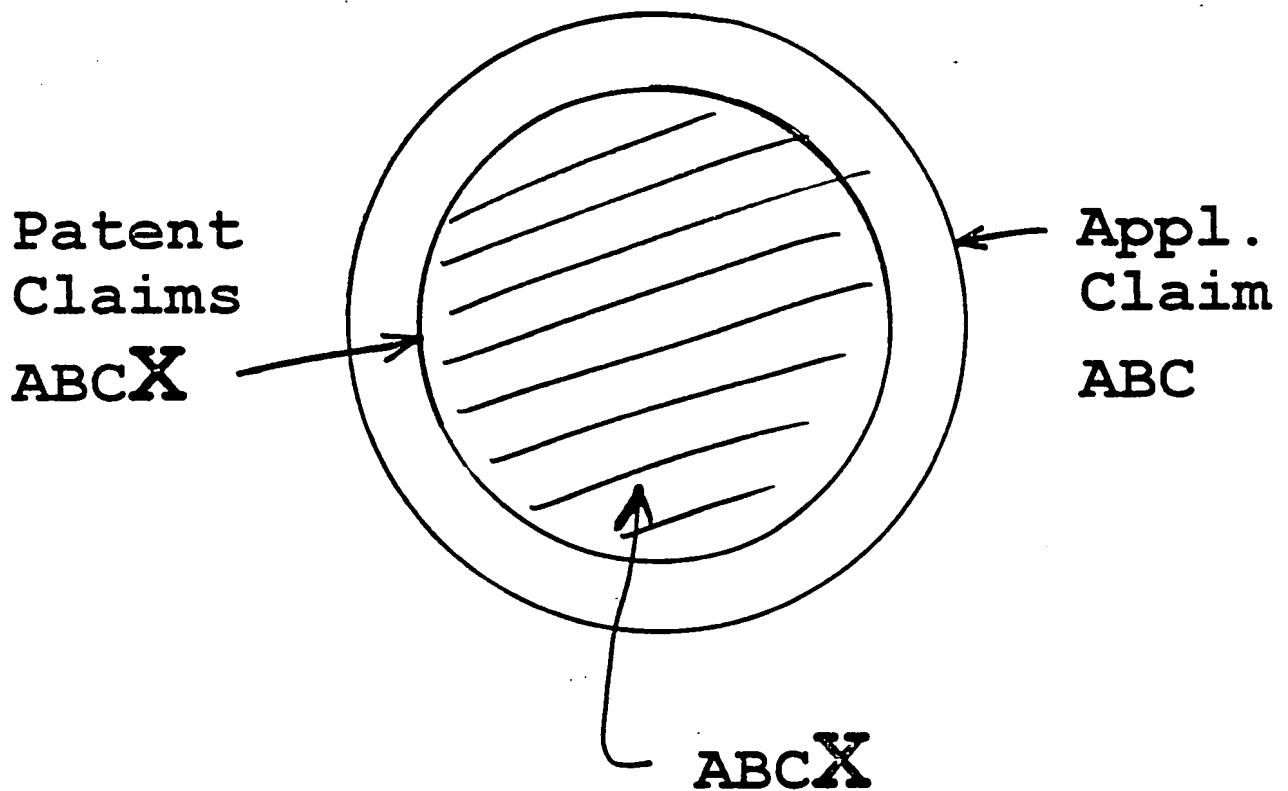
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Not Covered

Broadened Claim Example



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